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'Planned treaty will endanger Arab security'



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concerns and the fears, doubts and scepticism of those "moderate" Arab states whose backing the United States is soliciting for the current Israeli-Egyptian peace-making effort.

"While we recognise the sincerity of the American commitment, we do not share the euphoria that seems to reign among many of our friends in the United States about the Camp David approach to peace-making because we see in the still ambiguous plan for Palestinian autonomy movement away from the logic of resolutions 242 and 338 that have served as the basis for any possible negotiated and comprehensive peace between the Arabs and the Israelis," Prince Hassan said.

"We think the autonomy plan implicitly reveals the desire of a security-motivated Israel to divide the occupied West Bank and Gaza into three or four non-viable administrative units that could be the first of what may then further explode into tens of Bantustan-like statelets based on traditional tribal affiliations throughout the Arab and non-Arab Middle East," he said.

"The break up of the Middle East into a mosaic of minorities is a real possibility which would be started by the permanent division

of the occupied West Bank and Gaza into three or four semi-autonomous administrative units based on references to Judea, Samaria, Jerusalem and even Gaza and the Northern Sinai. We can already see in the respect that there is no objection among the participants in the Camp David process to separating the Gaza Strip and Sinai from the rest of occupied Palestine, as well as to gloss over the need to consider the status of occupied Arab Jerusalem as part and parcel of the West Bank area which was occupied in 1967."

Prince Hassan, who has participated in all top level negotiations with American officials, including last Sunday's talks with US National Security Affairs Adviser, Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, questioned the usefulness of the United States' approach to securing Arab support for the Camp David process, because this process may well lead to the destabilisation of several states in the Middle East, with serious consequences for the material well-being of the Western world, given its huge requirement for oil and its concern for the stability of the international economic and monetary systems.

"It is evident that the Israeli strategists see a fundamental need

to assure what they regard as current security by maintaining effective control of the physical resources of the West Bank and Gaza. Indications are that they aim to accomplish this control by breaking up the occupied areas into these minuscule entities that are being encircled by the increasing number of Jewish settlers in the occupied territory and further emanated by the Israeli control of such vital aspects of life as the water and land resources of the area and, if the Israelis have their way, the supply of electricity," he said.

Prince Hassan said that the continued Israeli domination of the

Palestinians in the occupied territories would only accelerate the exodus of embittered and frustrated young people from the occupied areas, an exodus that last year alone increased by a net 22,000 people. He predicted that the increase in Israeli settlements, particularly with the encirclement of Arab Jerusalem, will only further devalue the area's economic attractiveness for young Palestinians there and will aggravate the trend towards emigration. Particularly susceptible to leave would be those elements of the Palestinians who have only been able to find a means of political expression inside Israel and the

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U.N. to discuss Sinai buffer zone

UNITED NATIONS, March 21 (R)—Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim will refer to the Security Council a plan to create a U.N. buffer zone between Egypt and Israel under the proposed peace treaty between the two countries, his spokesman said today. Diplomatic sources speculated that the council might decline to approve the plan, either for lack of the required minimum of nine "yes" votes or because of the veto power of the Soviet Union or China, or both. Dr. Waldheim discussed the question at U.N. involvement in the implementation of the proposed treaty at a breakfast meeting today with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. The Secretary-General expects to receive a copy of the treaty and a covering letter in the coming week, and soon afterwards will draw the attention of security council members to those aspects that concern the U.N., the spokesman said.

fighting continues in Kurdistan

IAJ, Iran March 21 (AP)—Heavy fighting raged around a embattled army barracks for the 4th straight day, despite government warnings of stern retaliation if guerrillas continue their rebellion. The Kurdish attackers in six counties are the broad fronted boulevard leading to the army even assassination, as a rise in the western part of this provincial capital. The Central Government in Tehran has ordered a military operation in the area. The Central Government in Tehran has ordered a military operation in the area. The Central Government in Tehran has ordered a military operation in the area.

election violence

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Marathon treaty debate continues in Knesset

JERUSALEM, (Agencies)—Prime Minister Menachem Begin today launched a marathon debate in the Knesset on the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty. The session began with a speech by Begin, who described the treaty as a "historic document" that would bring peace to the Middle East. He said the treaty was the result of a long and difficult process, and that it represented a major step towards the realization of the dream of peace in the region. The debate continued with speeches from other members of the Knesset, who expressed their support for the treaty. The session was held in a packed Knesset, with many members of the public in attendance. The debate is expected to continue for several more days.

Regional Briefs

March 21 (R)—Swiss Economics Minister Fritz Hondeghem visited Amman today for a two-day visit. He will meet with Jordanian officials to discuss economic cooperation between the two countries. The visit is part of a series of diplomatic missions aimed at strengthening ties between Switzerland and Jordan.

March 21 (AP)—Saudi Arabia's Minister of Industry Ghazi Al Ghosabi signed a \$600 million agreement with West German firm Korf-Stahl for building a steel plant in the industrial city of Jubail on Saudi Arabia's east coast. The plant, which is to be completed in 42 months, will produce 1,000 tons of steel annually to meet the needs of the Saudi market, a statement said. The state-owned Basic Industries Corporation (SABIC), which holds 50 percent of the shares with the Germans holding the balance.

March 21 (R)—A powerful car bomb was detected due to go off near the right-wing main headquarters of the Falangist radio said last night. It said the car bomb, which weighed 80 kilograms, was set to be detonated by an attempt was aimed against rightist leader Bashir al-Falangi. It identified the owner of the car as a 30-year-old, native town of former President Sulaiman al-Falangi. He was accused last year of staging an attack in which President Fakhri's son, daughter-in-law, together with about 30 other people, were

Hussein, Khaled discuss latest ME developments

RIVADH, March 21 (Agencies)—Talks started here today between a Jordanian delegation led by His Majesty King Hussein and a Saudi Arabian team headed by His Majesty King Khaled. The talks are part of a series of negotiations aimed at resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Jordanian delegation includes Prime Minister Mudar Badran, while the Saudi team is led by Crown Prince Faisal. The talks are being held in a private setting, and the participants are expected to discuss a range of issues related to the peace process. The Jordanian delegation is also expected to discuss the situation in the occupied territories and the role of the United Nations in the peace process. The Saudi team is expected to discuss the role of the Arab League and the need for a comprehensive peace agreement. The talks are expected to continue for several more days.

Anti-treaty Arabs prepare to turn hostility to action

BEIRUT, March 21 (Agencies)—Arab states opposed to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty today prepared to turn their hostility into action. A one-hour symbolic strike is planned for Monday in Amman by all professional associations, trade unions and women's organizations in Jordan in protest against the signing of the proposed separate peace between Egypt and Israel. In Beirut, Prime Minister Salim al-Hoss told reporters that any agreement which failed to recognize Palestinian national rights could not restore peace to the region, and that Lebanon was committed to the Baghdad summit resolutions. In Jerdah, the Supreme Council of Moslems, Moslem equivalent of the World Council of Churches, has said it will reject any Middle East peace treaty which ignores Palestinian rights. The council declared "null and void" any pact between Zionists and any other party which overlooked the Palestinian people's rights. In Tripoli, thousands of Libyans demonstrated outside the U.S. embassy today in protest against the proposed separate peace treaty. Demonstrators accused President Sadat of bowing to U.S. imperialism. Diplomatic sources in Beirut said the outcome of next week's conference will depend largely on Saudi Arabia, which has rejected any settlement which does not provide for Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories and the granting of self-determination to the Palestinians.

Khaddam, Callaghan recognise differences

LONDON, March 21 (R)—British Foreign Secretary David Owen had a 90-minute discussion with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam on the current Middle East situation in the light of the proposed Israeli-Egyptian treaty, British officials said. Mr. Khaddam, who is also deputy premier, arrived here yesterday on a four-day official visit. Mr. Khaddam today also had separate meetings with Prime Minister James Callaghan and Trade Secretary John Smith. British officials said that during their 75-minute meeting Mr. Callaghan and Mr. Khaddam recognised there was a difference of view between the British and Syrian governments on the degree to which the proposed Egyptian-Israeli treaty could contribute to a comprehensive Middle East settlement. But both sides agreed on the need for a comprehensive settlement and agreed that Anglo-Syrian relations should be developed and extended. British officials said that Mr. Khaddam and Mr. Smith discussed prospects for increasing trade between their two countries. Dr. Owen is giving a dinner tonight in Mr. Khaddam's honour and will have further talks with the Syrian Minister tomorrow. Mr. Khaddam tomorrow morning will meet Mrs. Margaret Thatcher, conservative opposition party leader, and her Foreign Affairs Spokesman Francis Pym. The same afternoon he will have talks with Defence Secretary Fred Mulley. After holding a press conference on Friday and lunching with the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding, Mr. Khaddam will fly to Paris on Saturday evening for talks with the French government.

N. Yemeni cabinet reshuffled

BAGHDAD, March 21 (Agencies)—North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh announced a reshuffle of his government Wednesday, changing nine out of his 17-man cabinet, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported in a dispatch from Sanaa. Following the government reshuffle, former Foreign Minister Abdullah Al Asnaji, was named political adviser to the president, a newly created post. The new appointments are: Ahmed Al Junaidi, deputy prime minister in charge of financial and economic affairs; Lt. Col. Mujahid Abu Shwareb, the military commander of Maareb province, deputy prime minister for internal affairs; Lt. Col. Mohammed Mahmoud Khamis, interior minister and chief of the central security branch; Abdullah Al Amry, foreign affairs; Lt. Lutfi Kellabi, director of the president's office, adviser to the prime minister for information and minister without portfolio; Yahya Hussein Al Arsbai, minister of information and culture; Dr. Abdul Karim Al Iryani, (a former minister of education) minister of agriculture; Hussein Ali Hubaisi, minister of state for both presidential and prime ministry affairs; Ahmed Al Mebni, minister of municipalities.

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Unions to observe symbolic work stoppages on Monday

By a Jordan Times staff reporter

AMMAN, March 21—A one-hour symbolic strike is planned for Monday by all professional associations, labour unions and women's organisations in Jordan and the Save Jerusalem Committee in protest against the signature of the proposed peace treaty between Egypt and Israel on that day.

The work stoppage will take place between 11 a.m. and noon. A statement to this effect is expected to be released by participating organisations on Thursday.

The bar association has already announced that its members will stop pleading cases in court for 15 minutes starting at 11 a.m. on Monday to symbolise its denunciation of what it termed Sadat's "act of national treason" and which it described as "unique in the history of the Arab nation." The statement added that Sadat would be betraying not only the Palestinian people but the aspirations of the entire Arab nation as well, and would be leaving

Egypt defenceless against the infiltration of Israeli and American influence.

The Central Committee of the Labour Unions Federation issued a strongly worded statement here today terming the Egyptian-Israeli agreement a conspiracy which serves the interests of Israel and the objectives of Zionism.

The statement condemned all unilateral steps taken by President Sadat, starting with his visit to Jerusalem.

The federation "noted with appreciation and pride the true nationalistic position to which Jordan, its King, government and people are committed." It denounced the "conspiracy" of the planned autonomy for the West Bank and Gaza, calling it an attempt to misrepresent the will of the Palestinian people. It added that the proposed treaty abandons the historic and national rights of the Arabs. It reaffirmed that the Palestine Liberation Organisation is the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

The statement urged the Arabs to rally together and implement the resolutions of the Baghdad

summit, implying that sanctions be taken against Egypt. It called on the Arab countries to lend more support to the confrontation states, the PLO and the people of the occupied territories to enable them to resist the so-called autonomy plan.

Finally, it called for world condemnation of the proposed treaty and urged countries friendly with the Arabs to frustrate the treaty.

The Engineers Association also issued a statement today in which it said that the signing of the treaty would mean that the Egyptian regime had turned its back on Arab unanimity, and sold out the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

This further represents capitulation to the enemy and a liquidation of the Palestinian cause in the interest of imperialism and Zionism, it added.

The Egyptian president's action means that Egypt will "open its doors to Zionist economic and cultural invasion" which would ultimately lead to the isolation of Egypt from the rest of the Arab body which is working for unity and social and economic liberation.

NCC Foreign Relations Committee Chairman says

Jordan will not submit to pressures to join peace talks

AMMAN, March 21—The Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee of the National Consultative Council, Mr. Abdul Wahhab Majali, said today that Jordan would not bow down to pressure to subscribe to the Egyptian-Israeli formula for peace.

Jordan is for a just and comprehensive peace, and the expected peace treaty between Egypt and Israel will not achieve peace in the Middle East region, he added.

Mr. Majali was commenting on the remarks made by Senator Frank Church, head of the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee on television on Sunday.

Asked if the U.S. should not apply pressure on Jordan and Saudi Arabia if they did not support an Egyptian-Israeli peace agreement along the lines of Camp David, Senator Church said Jordan must not take for granted the generous aid which it receives from the U.S. regardless of which position it takes. It was high time President Carter changed this impression on King Hussein's part, Senator Church said.

Mr. Majali's reply to this statement was that Jordan has worked since 1967 for a just and comprehensive peace and it will continue to do so. The separate peace treaty is incapable of achieving that. This is evident from Mr. Begin's statements in the Knesset yesterday, he said. Mr. Majali wondered whether the American senator had heard Mr. Begin when he said that the West Bank and Gaza Strip were Israeli land and that Jerusalem was the undivided capital of Israel. These statements must surely be seen as blowing up all possibilities for peace, he said.

Mr. Majali said Jordan would not remain dependent on American aid, if this is intended to be used as means of exerting pressure.

Jordan's policies with other nations are based on mutual respect and are prompted by Jordanian national interests, he added.

"In any case, Church's comments are not unfamiliar to us," Mr. Majali said, "because he has always been an advocate of Zionism. This is not the first time that

he has taken an adverse position towards a friendly Arab state. He has taken similar positions towards other Arab nations friendly to the United States for no reasons except because these nations adhered to the principle of a just peace."

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Divisions among UNRWA employees surface

By Serene R. Farraj
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 21—A split seems to have developed between some United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) employees and the working team representing all UNRWA employees in countries hosting Palestinians after the return of the working team from Vienna on March 16 where it had been negotiating with top UNRWA officials.

A press release has just been issued by the union of UNRWA teachers accusing the working team of being ambivalent about the negotiations in Vienna. The teachers, who don't want to strike, object to the working team's insistence on striking, despite the progress achieved during the negotiations in Vienna.

The statement went on to say that a press release was issued on March 16 by the working team in Vienna, saying that negotiations had failed completely and therefore the threatened strike action would be carried out. The statement pointed out that the working team announced last Monday, March 19, during its meeting with UNRWA employees, that some progress had been achieved in Vienna, although details were not released by the working team at the time.

The picture is still unclear, it is not certain whether a strike will be staged or not.

The working team originally went to Vienna on Feb. 7, to negotiate with the UNRWA administration changes in the planned reduction of services to Palestinian refugees, the freezing of salaries, the elimination of preparatory stage at UNRWA schools and the phasing out of the employees cost of living allowances. A press release issued on March 17 by UNRWA said that the agency was prepared to make \$4 million available for pay

adjustments to its 16,500 staff. UNRWA also offered to allocate \$6.6 million from its budget for increases in cost of living allowances. But payment of this depends on UNRWA receiving sufficient income to cover its 1979 budget. It relies on nearly all of its income from voluntary contributions.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I WEDNESDAY SAYS that Egypt will soon secede from the Arab nation and this will impose on the Arabs the duty of readjusting the regional balance of power created by the new reality. After the treaty signing the paper continues, Israel will channel its military strength into deal with the rest of the Arab confrontation states, that allegedly still constitute a serious threat to Israel. Israel considers the occupied Arab lands to be liberated Israeli territories. This, in essence, was the message contained in the Israeli Prime Minister's reply to Egyptian Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil who spoke at length about the restoration of Jerusalem to the Arabs. Israeli withdrawal from 1967 occupied Arab territory and the establishment of a Palestinian state. Actually, the paper says, there are no differences between Israel and Egypt. The secret dialogue going on between them poses a serious threat mainly to Jordan, Syria and whatever is left of Lebanon. Israel will do its best to bring the Arabs to their knees. The Arabs should not be deceived by "superficial differences" in the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations which term Sadat is using to minimise the effect of the treacherous blow he has dealt the Arab cause. The Arabs should build up their military strength in order to be able to face up to the consequences of expected Israeli aggression, the paper concludes.

AL DUSTOUR says that His Majesty King Hussein's address yesterday on the occasion of the Teachers' Day celebration reflected Jordan's understanding of the developments expected to follow the signing of the separate agreement between Egypt and Israel. Jordan's position can be summed up as follows: First, Jordan is committed to a comprehensive settlement based on Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, foremost of which is Jerusalem. Second, Jordan calls for the preservation of the Arab cause despite the forthcoming peace agreement. Third, Jordan calls for the avoidance of adopting rash attitudes in reaction to the Egyptian-Israeli agreement. Fourth, Jordan calls for the building up of Arab military strength as the only viable way to meet the new challenge. Fifth, Jordan calls on all Arabs to act rationally rather than emotionally so that results that will really serve the Arab cause will be achieved. The paper concludes by saying if the above conditions are fulfilled, the victory of the Arab cause will be certain.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre is displaying a photo exhibit on "80 Years of French Cinema" during regular hours.

NOTEBOOK

A tale of Palestine

By Rami G. Khouri

IT WAS AN UNUSUALLY warm late winter afternoon, when an old man last week walked into the humble concrete house of a young Palestinian peasant on the outskirts of Ramallah. The man appeared to have been badly beaten up. He stooped badly, and limped heavily on one foot. His arms hung limp in front of him, and a blood-stained bandage wrapped around his forehead also hung down to cover half his face. He looked about 55 years of age, but he said his age was eleven. He said his name was Abu Autonomy, and that he had just been through one of the roughest ordeals that any human being has ever had to withstand.

Abu Autonomy stumbled into the peasant's house, and was immediately offered a comfortable seat inside the back door of the small house, from where he could look south and see traffic flowing along the main road to Jerusalem. Tears started to form in his eyes, and it was obvious that he was moved by the chance to sit comfortably in the safety of a fellow Palestinian's home. Tea came forth quickly, and a small packet of cigarettes, without fancy cellophane wrappers or filter tips, just a small pale green packet of cigarettes such as are found in the home of any peasant family in any other part of the world.

Abu Autonomy fought back the desire to break down and cry. Instead, he drank some tea and smoked three cigarettes in a row, not speaking at all, but staring out the window, watching the cars and the trucks and the buses moving steadily down the road from Ramallah to Jerusalem, knowing that they would have to stop at least four roadblocks on the way. If a car contained young people, they would probably be detained for a few hours. Abu Autonomy knew all this because, despite his appearance of old age, he had recently experienced all the discomfort and humiliation of being a young Palestinian living under the military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza.

He slowly gathered back his strength. As he did so, he started to speak; even though there were only the peasant farmer and his wife and baby girl listening, he spoke slowly, composing his thoughts carefully, making believe he was standing at the rostrum of the United Nations talking to the world. He told his story quickly, so as not to make it too personal, but rather to use his own example as a lesson for other Palestinians to learn from.

Abu Autonomy was born immediately after the 1967 war, in a secret military hospital somewhere inside Israel. But the area was not called Israel when Abu Autonomy's father and mother first married and conceived his elder brother and sister many years before that. His brother, Abdul Wahab Armistice, and his sister, Qamar Al Demarcation, never left Palestine, preferring to stay there even after Israel was established in the spring of 1948. But Abu Autonomy's parents fled Palestine under the threat of attacks in the night by Jewish armed groups, many of whom spoke Polish, which Abu Autonomy's parents had trouble understanding. They came east of the 1948 armistice lines and settled near Ramallah, just off the main road to Jerusalem. Years ago, they would sit outside their front door sipping tea in the late afternoon and offer cups of tea to young Palestinians who would walk home all the way from Ramallah to Jerusalem, after having spent the day in Ramallah enjoying the cool summer breezes. It was only about a hundred metres from Abu Autonomy's parents' home that he was once pulled out of a car by Israeli soldiers and taken to a police station in Jerusalem for interrogation. They

had beaten him and asked him why he did it, leave the country and go to Libya or Abu Dhabi where he could make a fortune and live happily ever after. He replied that when you have brothers and sisters with names like Abdul Wahab Armistice and Qamar Al Demarcation, you think twice before moving too far away from your home. All this came back to him as he told of his birth. When he was born shortly after the 1967 war, he was presented to the world as the hope of the future. His parents, having both died immediately after his birth, he was taken around by Israeli foster parents and proudly shown to the world as a symbol of the new era of peace in Holy Land. But he was not a pretty baby, though he was a male child, he was most of the Palestinians of the world.

He spent many years in a boarding school somewhere in Israel, and suddenly last year at the age of 11, he was pulled out of school by foster parents, given a brand new suit, the latest wide-tie fashion, and once again around on a tour to meet many people in the of the world and in countries far away. He required eleven hours' flying to reach.

Despite his new clothes, and his new parents, who also spoke Polish very well, a great amazement, Abu Autonomy fared no better with the people of Palestine. He was a handi-lad now, but he was unliked and unloved. Young Palestinian girls (the loveliest in the world of Asia, he thought) made fun of him, and boys threw stones at him. One day, he had a storm to be caught in a street demon near Ramallah. He was trampled under many feet, and he was struck by a bullet.

He was overcome by fear, and then came when he realised that he was being stomped by Palestinians but also being shot by bullets in Israeli foster-parents. He was utterly confused. He did not know what to make of the war.

After the street demonstration ended, he crawled away and slept near a rock, or regained enough strength to walk on his power to the nearest house, where he found young peasant and his wife and baby girl, whom he recounted his perplexing tale.

When he finished his story, he asked if when he closed his eyes, the baby girl over to him to play, thinking that he had laid on the cot to play with her, as her father is evening after returning from ploughing the fields of Palestine.

He brightened up when he saw the girl crawling towards him. He regained his strength at once. He started laughing. He stood, carried the girl on his shoulders and ran on the late winter sunshine, where her smile bracelet, like that which most Palestinian girls wear around their wrists, caught the sunshine and reflected her name into the Abu Autonomy.

Even with the glare of the sun's rays, Abu Autonomy could read the engraved little girl. He did not understand it because his English was not much better Polish, but he understood from the smile faces of the two parents of the young girl standing nearby, that "Umm Al Determination" had to mean something than Abu Autonomy.

Reinvigorated, Abu Autonomy, another cigarette, put an orange in his pocket, walked away, squinting because of the reflection from the young girl's golden which went right through his eyes and heart. Yes, he thought, the young girls of are the loveliest in all Asia.

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Palestine Prince Hassan to visit Indonesia, Malaysia

Amman, March 21 (JNA)—His Highness Prince Hassan bin Talal, Crown Prince of Jordan, is expected to visit Indonesia and Malaysia in the next few days for a tour of the two countries, it was announced by the Jordanian Press Syndicate.

The prince, who is 35, is the second son of King Hussein and Queen Alia. He is a member of the Hashemite family, which is the ruling family of Jordan and several other Arab states.

He is also a member of the Arab League and the Organization of Islamic Cooperation. He is known for his efforts in promoting peace and understanding between the Arab world and the West.

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Arab Transport Union to hold 3-day meet

Amman, March 21 (JNA)—The Arab Land Transport Union will hold a three-day meeting here on April 14. The meeting is being held at the Jordanian Press Syndicate.

The union, which was founded in 1975, is a non-profit organization that aims to improve the standards of land transport in the Arab world. It has a membership of over 100 transport companies from various Arab countries.

Arab transport and communications meet

Amman, March 21 (JNA)—An Arab sub-committee for planning and coordinating transport and communications among Arab states opened its fifth session here on March 21. The session is being held at the Jordanian Press Syndicate.

The sub-committee, which was established in 1975, is a part of the Arab League. It is responsible for studying and recommending measures to improve transport and communications in the Arab world.

Many to help in Jordanian resources exploitation

Amman, March 21 (JNA)—Jordan and West Germany exchanged views on cooperation between them in geological and mineral resources exploitation during a three-day meeting here on March 21. The meeting is being held at the Jordanian Press Syndicate.

The meeting was attended by representatives from the Jordanian Ministry of Natural Resources and the German Ministry of Economic Affairs. They discussed various aspects of resource exploitation and the role of foreign investment.

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governors invited to study British local government

Amman, March 21 (JNA)—The Under-Secretary of the Ministry of the Interior, Mr. Ahmad Hindawi, discussed with the British charge d'affaires today an invitation by the British Council for a group of Jordanian government officials to study the British system of local government.

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"Appointment with Death" to be filmed in Petra

By Breda Pinegan
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 21—Agatha Christie's novel "Appointment with Death" will come to life in Petra when shooting begins at the end of next year. The people who produced "Murder on the Orient Express" and, more recently, "Death on the Nile" are already in the midst of preparations for what they hope will be a third Agatha Christie hit.

Agatha Christie thought so, and made the then largely unknown city the central place of action in one of her murder mysteries, "Appointment with Death".

Co-producers Lord Brabourne and Richard Goodwin and script writer Anthony Shaffer have just spent three days in Jordan exploring Petra and meeting the people concerned with a view to coming back in 1980 to shoot parts of the film on location at Petra.

Speaking to the Jordan Times during their stay, the trio seemed full of enthusiasm for the project and were thrilled with the cooperation they have been getting here, particularly after having met

with His Majesty King Hussein who has given his blessing to the venture.

In "Appointment with Death," a much disliked elderly woman, who lives in Petra with her grown up children, is murdered. There are, as always, a number of suspects and each has an apparent motive for committing the crime. It is not until Hercule Poirot, detective extraordinaire (who may be played by Peter Ustinov in the planned production) gets involved in the case that the truth is finally revealed.

Discussing actual filming, Lord Brabourne said that Petra's inaccessibility may be a problem, but when the troupe of some 150 people—including actors, technicians, make-up artists, hair-dressers and so on—descend on Petra next year they will use a specially erected camp with all facilities so that Petra's remoteness may not be so immediately felt.

The cost of production, which will run into "millions", is being met by the British company EMI (Electromagnetic Industries).

Peter Goodwin, who has worked with Lord Brabourne over the past 25 years on such films as "Sink the Bismarck," "Romeo and Juliet" and "Tales of Beatrix Potter," said the logistics of organizing such a production were enormous. For instance, while on location for "Death on the Nile" over 10,000 bottles of drinking water were used.

Although there are only a few main characters and the producers will bring out many of the people they need to make the film, they will also be looking for locals to help in various aspects of production.

One thing that will have to be worked out carefully is the timing of filming because the sun does not shine for long on anyone place in Petra as the ancient city is located in a steep-sided valley.

Anthony Shaffer, author of "Sleuth", one of the longest running plays in London, which was also made into a successful film—will be tackling the script writing when he returns to England.

Mr. Shaffer, who bears a marked resemblance to Peter Ustinov, also wrote the script for "Death on the Nile." He describes Agatha Christie's dialogues as "a little out of date."

He faces the task of making the "intensely artificial" plot plausible. The script should take about six months to prepare.

Also with them on this "reconnaissance" trip is Lord

Brabourne's wife, Lady Brabourne, and son Michael John Knatchbull who is acting as location manager and will spend a lot of time here next year in preparation for the actual filming.

"Appointment with Death" was chosen about six months ago because it has "the best story and best location", Lord Brabourne said. One of the mystery's obvious advantages, they all agree, is Petra's timelessness. Lady

Brabourne is the only one of the group to have visited Petra before—in the fifties—and is amazed at how little it has changed.

While Mr. Shaffer is working on the script, Lord Brabourne and Richard Goodwin will be busy filming yet another Agatha Christie work: "The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side" with Miss Marple cracking the "who dunnit" mystery this time.



The Roman temple at Petra, where "Appointment with Death" will be filmed next year.

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NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5,000	1,965	6,940	6,940	6,930
Jordan Cement Industries	JD 10,000	3,995	14,850	14,900	14,800
Jordan Phosphate Mines	JD 5,000	1,247	2,140	2,150	2,140
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 1,000	205	20,000	20,500	20,510
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	2,895	1,050	1,060	1,060
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	4,521	1,360	1,380	1,370
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1,000	910	0,910	0,920	0,910
Jordan Glass Factories	JD 1,000	70	—	—	—
Arab Aluminium Co.	JD 1,000	3,008	0,940	0,950	0,940
Industrial, Commercial And Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	670	2,630	—	2,650
Jordan Tanning Co.	JD 5,000	802	10,700	10,900	10,700
Jordan Pipes Manufacturing Co.	JD 10,000	202	10,000	10,150	10,100
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	2,200	1,090	—	1,100
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	1,120	11,200	11,500	11,200
Lebanon-Amman Bank	JD 5,000	987	6,570	6,600	6,580
Jordan Tobacco & Cigarettes Co.	JD 5,000	740	7,000	7,600	7,400

Total volume traded, Wednesday, March 21: JD 25,537

Total number of shares traded: 14,195

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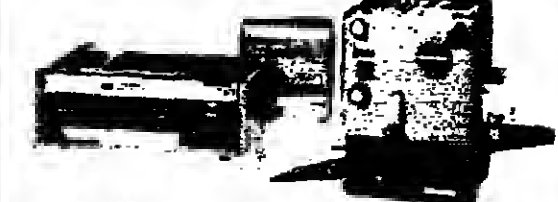
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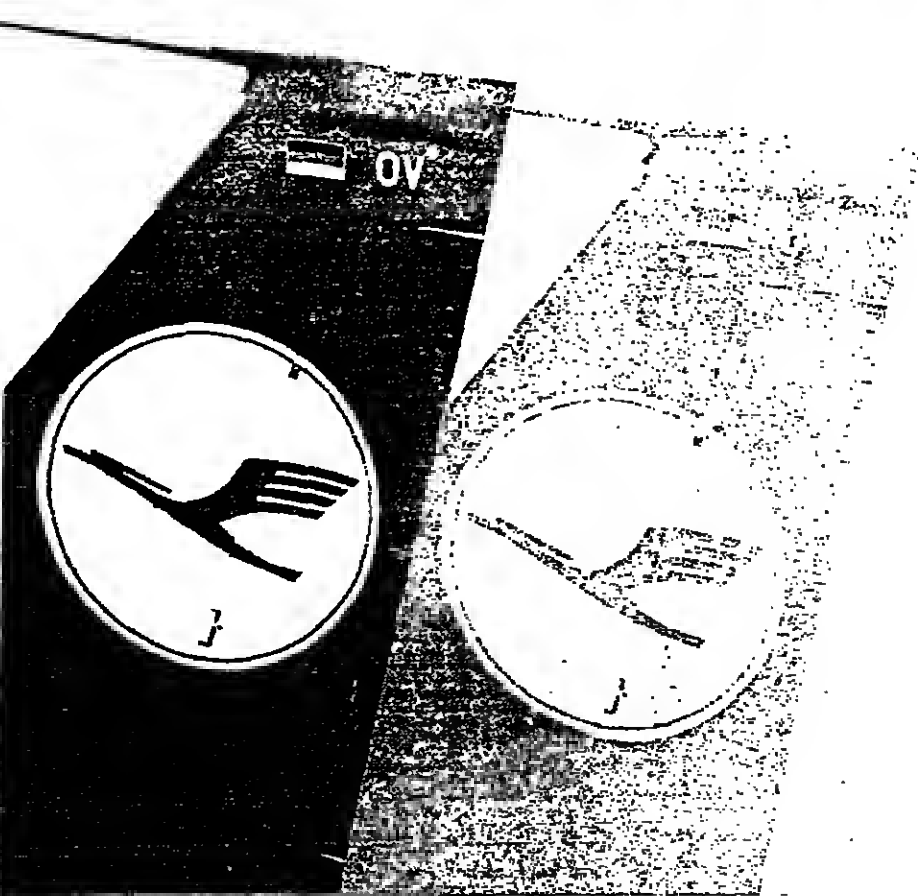
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 better. Take more interest in community af-

(Apr. 19 to May 20) Seek information you
 new contacts who are progressive and improve
 life. A new adjust to present philosophy could
 to present status you enjoy.
 (May 21 to June 21) Find a better way of
 with payments and collections so that you need
 so much in the future. Improve romantic life.
CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Discuss with
 to improve a project that is not working out
 more successful with it. A situation arises that
 beneficial for you.

(July 22 to Aug. 21) Use more up-to-date methods
 work in which you are currently engaged and feel
 its. A fellow worker has a good idea that you
 own.

(Aug. 22 to Sept. 21) Plan early to have more
 movements later in the day. Gain the goodwill of
 you know. Don't overspend.

(Sept. 22 to Oct. 21) Try to agree with him regard-
 ing what should be made at home and have
 many there. Entertain at home in the evening
 weeks with credit and reputation.

(Oct. 22 to Nov. 21) Discuss career attain-
 ments who can be of assistance to you. Changing
 somewhat is wise. Make a better impression
 by taking a new stance.
 (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Plan now to avoid
 undance via new ideas, systems that can be
 you. Study financial reports and get interesting
 him. He more willing to cooperate at home.

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 21) Go after a personal
 different angle and get good results. He water
 matters. He with congeniality in the evening
 US (Jan. 22 to Feb. 19) Study new information
 up with the right answers to problems. Do not
 others. An expert can be of assistance to you if
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(Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) You have personal affairs
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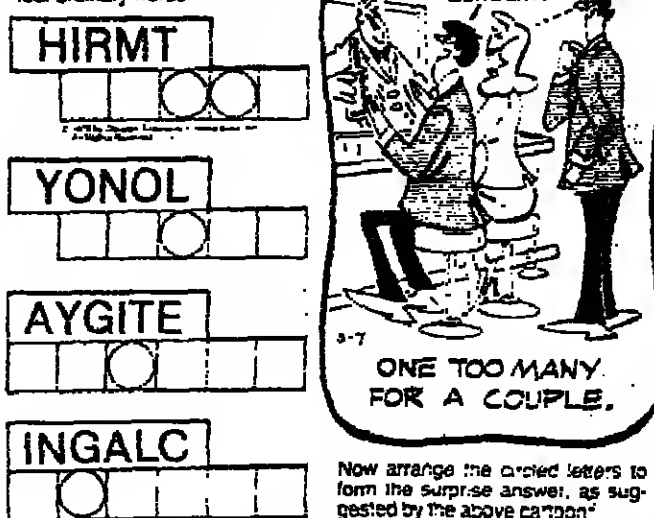
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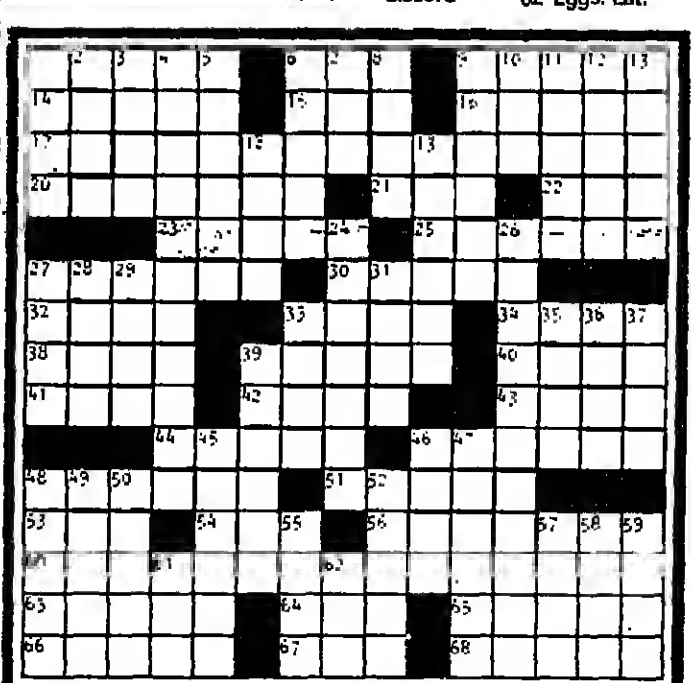


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9 Hindu god	38 warrior	60 Starting	26 Score card
14 Shun	39 Understood	63 Woodwinds	27 Inquires
15 Part of the	39 Struggled	64 First lady	28 Spanish
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personal	42 Swan genus	68 Fabric	of a via
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21 State abbr.	46 Perfumes	37 Angers	39 Ornamental
22 Caviar base	48 — milk	2 Layer of	45 Negligent
23 Indians	'fountain	3 Castle	46 Peon
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REN BRIDGE

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠AKQ104 ♥93 ♦AJ8742

The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ 3 ♠

What action do you take?

A.—This is a very difficult problem. Without East's interference, we would have completed the distribution of our three suits opposite a very minor holding in partner's hand. Now that action is required, with danger because of the potential misfit. The more prudent course is to pass the decision around to partner, and hope that he comes up with the winning solution.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠AK532 ♥K10 ♦J83 ♠AQ7

Partner opens the bidding with five diamonds. What action do you take?

A.—For his preemptive opening bid at the five-level, partner should have at least a solid eight card suit. Thus, you have excellent prospects for a small slam, providing the opponents are unable to collect two fast heart tricks. To guard against this, bid six trumps—if the opponents elect to lead hearts, it will hold up to your king, not through it.

Q.7—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
 ♠KJ1085 ♥A882 ♦K983

Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one club. What action do you take?

A.—Offensively, your hand is quite powerful—it could easily produce a game in any one of three suits opposite a very minimal holding in partner's hand. To advise partner that you have support for any suit he can introduce, make a takeout double. If you bid one spade, you risk losing a fit in one of the red suits.

Q.8—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
 ♠KJ852 ♥AJ1076 ♦A ♠A8

The bidding has proceeded:
 South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ INT Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—Since you hold three aces and a king, your hand is actually worth more than its 17 high-card points. In addition, you have exceptional distributional values. Once partner has shown enough values to respond—6 points at least—we would insist on game, and would make our intentions known to partner by jumping to three hearts.

Peanuts



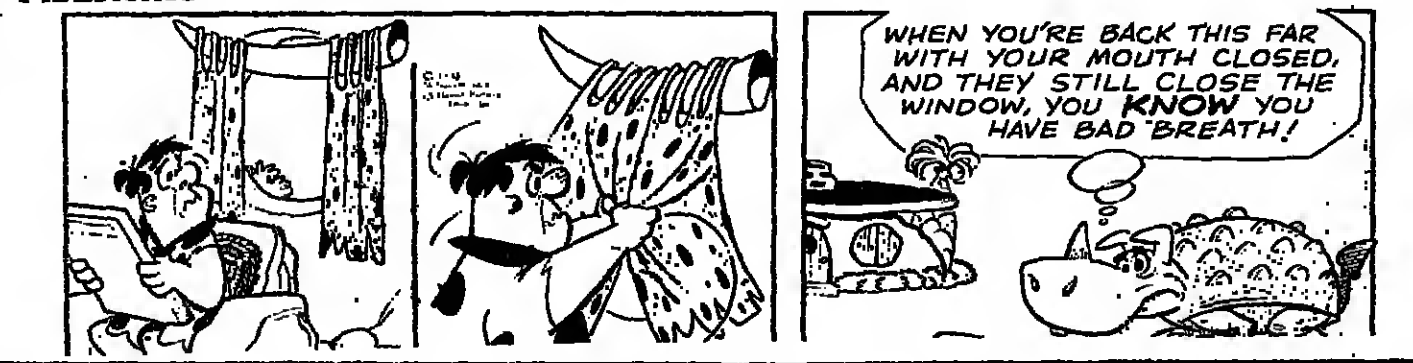
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 8:00 Comedy
 9:10 Cartoons
 10:30 Happy Journey
 11:00 Sign off
 12:00 Sign on and News headlines
 12:30 Radio Theatre
 13:00 News Summary
 13:30 Radio Theatre

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 18:30 Take it or leave it
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 19:30 Sign off

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